

Creative Writing Assignment Part 2: The beginning, first draft

recommended due date - Tuesday May 26

Here is the next part of the creative writing assignment:

- Start writing a fictional story.
- The beginning of the story includes the exposition and inciting incident.
- The exposition includes an introduction to the main character and setting. The inciting incident is the event that starts the conflict between the protagonist and antagonist.
- You can choose from the characters and setting you submitted for the first assignment or you can choose something completely different, but what you start writing for this part will now continue for the remainder of the assignment. You will end up writing an entire story.
- Be sure to include details. Remember the literary device imagery? Use it. Think about novels and short stories you have read. They include a lot of description. That is what this assignment is about.

Creative Writing Assignment Part 3: The middle, first draft

recommended due date - Tuesday June 2

Here is the next part of the creative writing assignment:

- In the last part, you introduced the main characters, setting and identified the inciting incident. The inciting incident was the introduction to the conflict.
- In this part, you will develop the conflict.
- You will include multiple events that progress the story forward and add tension. This is the rising action.
- Be sure to include emotions and feelings that the characters might be feeling. Use descriptive words, metaphors, similes and other literary devices to engage the reader.
- For this part you are writing from the inciting incident to the climax.
- The climax is the point in the story where the tension reaches a peak and is a potential turning point in the story. The main character has been faced with a challenge or obstacle (the conflict) and the climax is when they make the decision on how they will respond to that challenge (the conflict).

Creative Writing Assignment Part 4: The ending, first draft

recommended due date - Tuesday June 9

Here is the next part of the creative writing assignment:

- Your story now has characters, setting, and conflict. Now you need to resolve the conflict.
- The next part of the writing assignment is the falling action and resolution/denouement. This is the part of the story where multiple events bring the conflict to a close.
- Like the rising action, the falling action includes multiple events and emotions related to the conflict. These events are often more positive and calming because they are resolving the conflict, not adding to it.
- The resolution of the conflict is identified in the conclusion of the story and the denouement gives an explanation for the conflict and its resolution. The reader should have answers when they read the conclusion, not questions.

Creative Writing Assignment Part 5: Editing

recommended due date - Tuesday June 16

Here is the next part of the creative writing assignment:

- Your story is now written. But that is your first draft.
- You may have new ideas to add to the beginning or middle of the story, now that you have written the ending. Go back and make those changes. But do not change the story entirely because that would just be too much work.
- You may also find that there is room for more detail and literary devices. Recall the different literary devices we discussed in class and be sure to incorporate some of them in your writing. These are some of the things that makes reading a story more enjoyable.
- There will also be spelling and grammar errors that need correcting. This is a good time to find a friend or family member to help you. Have them read your story or read it out loud to them. Someone else reading your words can find the tiniest grammar mistakes that the author may overlook. When you read something out loud you find the errors more easily than reading it in your head.
- Once all the corrections and additions have been made you have a final draft that can be submitted.
- Make sure you have a title. Every story has a title.